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Morale, Welfare, and Recreation  
**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

**HISTORY.** This regulation supersedes Devens RFTA Regulation 215-1, dated November 2005, Alcoholic Beverages.

**SUMMARY.** This regulation identifies alcohol prohibitions regarding use, possession, storage and controls for Command sponsored events.

**APPLICABILITY.** This regulation is applicable to all military personnel, civilian employees and all other individuals assigned or attached to, working, training, mobilizing and demobilizing or otherwise physically present at Devens RFTA.

**SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS.** The proponent of this regulation is Army Community Service. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028, Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms, directly to the Commander, Devens Reserve Forces Training Area, ATTN: IMNE-DEV-MWA, Devens, MA 01434-4479.

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## **CHAPTER 1. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

### **1-1. References.**

- a. AR 215-1, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities.
- b. AR 600-85, Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP).
- c. Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 38, Section 34a.

**1-2. Purpose.** Identify alcohol prohibitions. Establish controls for Command sponsored events.

**1-3. Prohibitions.** The current minimum age to legally consume or purchase alcoholic beverages in all States is 21. No soldier, civilian employee or family member under the age of 21 will purchase, consume or possess alcoholic beverages while on Devens RFTA. The only exception to this prohibition is Installation sanctioned religious service. No person, regardless of age, may offer, serve or otherwise make available an alcoholic beverage to a person under the legal age for consuming alcohol (AR 215-1, Para 7-7e, MA GL Chap 38, Sect 34a).

Soldiers or civilian employees assigned, attached, working or training at Devens RFTA will not consume alcoholic beverages:

- a. While on duty regardless of the hours of the day (duty hours and duty status are determined by the soldier's unit commander).
- b. Within 8 hours immediately prior to assumption of duty.
- c. Within 24 hours immediately prior to scheduled training events involving weapons (live fire or blank), or tactical vehicles.

If there is probable cause to test an individual for being impaired for duty, the individual must be escorted to the Department of Defense Police by designated member of the staff/supervisor. The DOD Police will transport the impaired person to a local police station for an alcohol impairment test.

Absolutely no alcoholic beverages will be stored or consumed in mobilization barracks, schools' billeting area, annual training billeting area, or IDT billeting areas. Alcoholic beverages will not be served to soldiers and DOD civilian employees while on duty. Exception to AR 215-1 can be obtained by requesting prior approval in writing from the Installation Commander (Sample Request).

Alcoholic beverages are expressly prohibited from all range complexes. All users of the ranges, regardless of their status, may not possess, transport, or consume alcoholic beverages anywhere on South Post. This includes all ranges, bivouac sites, tactical areas, and mortar firing points, other off road facilities and anywhere within the Devens RFTA confines. Storage of

alcohol for personal use in government offices or office refrigerators is not authorized or permitted. Unit parties or functions must be held in cantonment areas and must have prior approval for alcohol to be consumed.

**1-4. Request for Exceptions-Unit Functions.** Reserve Component or National Guard units on annual training at Devens RFTA may not use alcohol for a unit function unless there is prior approval in writing from the Installation Commander (Sample Request). Unit commanders are directed by AR 600-85 to refrain from glamorizing alcohol and shall set limits for consumption while engaged in IDT periods, annual training periods, mobilization, or demobilization at Devens RFTA. In all cases where a unit function that involves consumption of alcohol is approved by the Installation, the unit commander will ensure that appropriate controls are in place to prevent endangering Soldiers or the surrounding community.

Under controlled conditions, in order to foster camaraderie and morale in a military environment, the Installation Commander or her designated representative may authorize the serving of alcoholic beverages. The following controls and responsibilities must be met to obtain approval:

a. All organization day activities must be at a directorate or special staff level.

b. A major commander, director and or office/activity Chief must personally supervise the activity if alcoholic beverages are to be served. The request for approval to use alcohol must identify prevention measures to ensure safety of all soldiers, family members in attendance and the community. If there is alcohol served, there shall be no minor children in attendance. A family day activity should emphasize alcohol-free and drug free activities so that adults can be positive role models for children.

**1-5. Requests for Exceptions-Civilian Attendance.** Any commander/manager desiring to have an organization day or unit function where alcohol would be served must:

a. Submit a written request (see attached sample). The request should be routed through the Alcohol/Drug Control Officer, DOD Police and Installation Commander for approval. If civilian employees are to attend, the servicing Civilian Personnel Advisory Center shall advise as to the duty status of the civilian personnel attending the function. A copy of the letter stating the unit/organization has approval must be available during the function or activity.


b. Assure that alcoholic beverages will not be served to underage personnel. Additionally, the person serving the alcohol must be of legal drinking age. A variety of non-alcoholic drinks will be made available. Non-drinking Designated Drivers and non-drinking Party Monitors will be identified prior to any function involving alcohol and listed on permission request. Designated Drivers/Party Monitors will be commensurate with attendance to ensure safety. Massachusetts Statute for Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) is .08. In some individuals, two drinks in one hour can exceed .08 safety standards. Any social activity involving alcohol will include the serving of food. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be provided. Quantity of alcohol to be served will be attendance driven and listed on permission request. Permission

requests should be addressed to Army Community Service, Box 11, 30 Quebec Street, Devens, MA 01434-4479. Permission requests should be submitted ten working days prior to the event.

**1-6. Violations.** Violations of this regulation by military personnel may be grounds for administrative action, non-judicial and/or judicial punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Civilian employees violating this regulation may be subjected to administrative actions as well as criminal prosecution. Other civilian individuals may also be subjected to criminal prosecution as well as being barred from the installation.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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SAMPLE

Devens RFTA Reg 215-1

(Office Symbol)

MEMORANDUM THRU ACS, DOD POLICE

FOR COMMANDER, DEVENS RESERVE FORCES TRAINING AREA

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of use of Alcohol at Unit Function IAW  
Devens RFTA Reg 215-1

1. Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Unit POC: (name, rank, phone) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date Event Scheduled \_\_\_\_\_

4. Hours of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Location of Event \_\_\_\_\_

6. Quantity of Alcohol to be Served: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Number of Attendees: MILITARY \_\_\_\_\_ CIVILIAN \_\_\_\_\_

8. Names of Non-Drinking Designated Drivers/Party Monitors \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Non-Alcoholic Beverages will be available: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

10. Food/M meal/Snacks will be served: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

11. "I have read Devens RFTA Reg 215-1 dated 7 July 2006 and my signature below certifies supervision of the function involving alcohol consumption and adherence to Safety Prevention

Plan. \_\_\_\_\_  
UNIT CDR SIGNATURE/RANK/PHONE DATE

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INSTALLATION COMMANDER APPROVAL AUTHORITY:

ADCO/ACS Concur \_\_\_\_\_ Nonconcur \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

DOD POLICE Concur \_\_\_\_\_ Nonconcur \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

INSTALLATION COMMANDER:

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_